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Title : Need to grant pension to the personnel of Armed Forces who have rendered service shorter than the prescribed period of eligibility.

SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR (CALICUT): Under the present dispensation, minimum period of qualifying service for earning pension is 20 years for commissioned officers and 15 years for personnel below officer's rank. However, there are thousands of armed forces personnel who served in the armed force in the golden years of their life, but could not continue to complete qualifying service for pension and other benefits. Because of their unfavourable circumstances like climatic conditions, disease or family conditions they had to perforce leave after rendering many years of service and in many cases, a couple of months / years earlier before completing the qualifying period. The life of these people is quite miserable and pathetic.

In the present context when almost every body is granted pension and other benefits in the organised sector and pensions regulatory Authority is considering introduction of pension schemes for workers in the unorganised sector, I request the Government to consider the case of pension less personnel of armed forces for grant of pension. After all, these people had rendered service to the nation in most difficult conditions and defended border of our country even though for a period shorter than that prescribed by the authorities.

SHRI N. JANARDHANA REDDY (VISAKHAPATNAM): Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, I am on a point of order.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Under what Rule?

SHRI N. JANARDHANA REDDY : Under Rule 353. According to this rule, no allegation of a defamatory or incriminatory nature shall be made by a Member against any person unless the Member has given adequate advance notice to the Speaker. Today, in 'Zero Hour', our hon. Member Shri Yerrannaidu has made horribly derogatory remark against the Government of Andhra Pradesh and said that the State Government has misused, swindled and indulged in corruption to the tune of thousands of crores of rupees. This kind of remarks should not be made without the permission of the Speaker. ...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY (PURI): Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, he has not taken any name. He has referred to the State Government. It is permissible. â€¦ (*Interruptions*)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: The hon. Speaker was in the Chair. [illegible]

SHRI N. JANARDHANA REDDY : The rule is there. You are guided by the rule.

[illegible] : [illegible] If there is anything objectionable, I will see.